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## Testimony of Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Michael Bzdyra

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Good morning Chairmen Guerrera and Leone, Chairwoman Boucher, Ranking Member Carney and members of the Transportation Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to Senate Bill 307- An Act Requiring the Registration of Motor Driven Cycles and House Bill 6279 – An Act Concerning the Registration of Motor Driven Cycles.

Both of these bills, if passed, would require the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to register a Motor Driven Cycle.

Motor Driven Cycles are defined as a motor scooter, moped or motorbike having an engine size of less than 50 cc and a seat height of at least 26 inches. Motor Driven Cycles can be operated on the roadway without being registered, but are prohibited from being driven on a limited access highway or turnpike. If the maximum speed of a Motor Driven Cycle is less than the speed limit of the road it's being driven on, it must be operated in the right hand lane or usable shoulder. The operator of a Motor Driven Cycle must hold a valid driver's license.

Passage of these bills would require costly system and process changes. Therefore, the DMV must oppose SB 397 and HB 6279 due to the fiscal impact these bills would have on the DMV.